

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 559
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A RESOLUTION to create the Diversity Business Enterprise
Legislative Task Force.

WHEREAS, one of the goals of Tennessee State government is to assure diversity in the awarding of state contracts and in state procurement to reflect the demographic diversity in the general population of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly, as the representative lawmaking entity in state government, has a responsibility to help insure diversity in state contracting and procurement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that there is hereby created a continuing special task force, to be known as the Diversity Business Enterprise Legislative Task Force, to see that proper representation is made in state procurement and the awarding of state contracts to insure the balanced participation of business enterprises according to ethnicity, gender, national origins, and other demographic characteristics.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall consist of three (3) members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, one (1) of whom shall be a member of the House State and Local Government Committee, one (1) of whom shall be a member of the House Commerce Committee and one (1) of whom shall be a member of the House Government Operations Committee, and three (3) members of the Senate, appointed by the Speaker of the Senate, one (1) of whom shall be a member of the Senate State and Local Government Committee, one (1) of whom shall be a member of the Senate Commerce, Labor and Agriculture Committee and one (1) of whom shall be a member of the Senate Government

Operations Committee; and the Commissioner of General Services, the Speaker *Pro Tempore* of the House of Representatives and the Speaker *Pro Tempore* of the Senate as *ex officio* members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the Diversity Business Enterprise Legislative Task Force upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all legislative members of the Diversity Business Enterprise Legislative Task Force who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until their successors are appointed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Diversity Business Enterprise Legislative Task Force shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Diversity Business Enterprise Legislative Task Force shall annually submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the State and Local Government Committees of the Senate and of the House of Representatives.